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## OFFICIAL MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 11, 2017

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Coachella Valley Water District was called to order by President John Powell at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at the office of the District in Palm Desert, California. President Powell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

*Present:* President John P. Powell, Jr.  
Vice President Cástulo R. Estrada  
Director G. Patrick O'Dowd  
Director Anthony Bianco  
Director Peter Nelson

*Absent:* Jim Barrett, General Manager

*Staff Present:* Robert Cheng, Assistant General Manager  
Jeff Ferre, Counsel  
Sylvia Bermudez, Clerk of the Board

#### 3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

- A. Item 8b ii was removed or continued from the Agenda
- B. No emergency Item(s) to be added to the Agenda
- C. No changes to the order of the Agenda

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment received.

## 5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Director Estrada, seconded by Director Bianco, the board approved the Consent Calendar as presented.

**AYES:** Powell, Estrada, O'Dowd, Bianco, Nelson

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:**

**Motion Passed: 5-0**

- A. MINUTES - June 27, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Coachella Valley Water District
- B. Amend Consulting Contract with RMC Water and Environment for Preparation of Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) Involvement Proposal.

## 6. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

No items pulled from Consent Calendar.

## 7. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. Employee Recognitions

President Powell and Assistant General Manager Cheng, recognized the following employee:

***Retirement***

- Ray Salazar, Wastewater Reclamation Plant Supervisor, 33 years

- B. Wellness Program Recognition

Heidi Keeran, Director of Human Resources, reported CVWD's Wellness Program was recognized and received the 2017 Coachella Valley Workplace Wellness Award for Nutrition, Fitness and Health- Large Business. The award was presented by Health Assessment and Research for Communities (HARC). The District also received a certificate of recognition from Assemblyman Eduardo Garcia congratulating the organization on receiving the award.

- C. Introduction of Interns

Heidi Keeran, Director of Human Resources and CVWD staff introduced the following interns:

- Arnoldo Jaquez- Engineering-Domestic reporting to Dan Ruiz
- Sergio Parra-Water Management reporting to Katie Evans
- Lorenzo Jimenez- Engineering-Stormwater/Irrigation reporting to David Wilson
- Brianna Michel-Engineering-Sanitation reporting to Armando

Rodriguez

- Alejandro Vazquez-Water Quality reporting to Wil Gonzalez
- John Norton-Accounting reporting to Amy Aguer

## 8. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

### A. Written Communications

Are on file as part of the record.

### B. Informational Reports to the Board

- i Robert Cheng, Assistant General Manager, presented an update on the California Water Fix.
- ii ***Item pulled and continued to August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting-*** Update on Domestic Customer Overseeding Water Budgets.

## 9. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION

### A. Amendment to Ordinance 1302.2 to reflect ETo Map revision.

The Board directed staff to receive public input regarding the proposed changes. No action taken. Item continued to future date.

## 10. BOARD COMMENTS AND REPORTS

### A. Board Member General Comments

- Nelson - commended CVWD staff for their work and efforts on CVWD's conservation program.
- O'Dowd – commented on legislation AB 1000.
- Bianco – no comments today.
- Estrada – commented he was happy to see Coachella Valley locals participating in CVWD's intern program.
- Powell – commented on CVWD's filing of petition in connection with the water rights case involving Agua Caliente.

### B. Meetings and Conference Reports

- i June 14, 2017 Colorado River Board Meeting (Director Nelson)
- ii June 23, 2017 Interview with NPR Reporter (Director Nelson)
- iii June 26, 2017 California Farm Water Coalition Board Meeting (Director Nelson) ***Did not attend.***
- iv June 26, 2017 Meeting with Information Systems Director regarding SCADA (Director Bianco)
- v June 26, 2017 Coachella Valley Association of Governments 2017 General Assembly (Director Nelson)
- vi June 27, 2017 Meeting with Doug Richardson and Roley Noffke regarding Salton Sea Restoration (Director O'Dowd)
- vii June 28, 2017 Association of California Water Agencies Chair/Vice Chair Webinar (Director O'Dowd)

- viii June 29, 2017 Symposium on Statewide Conservation (Director O'Dowd)
- ix June 29, 2017 Interview with KESQ (Director Powell)
- x June 30, 2017 Association of California Water Agencies State Legislature Committee Meeting (Director O'Dowd)
- xi June 30, 2017 Meeting with Coachella Valley Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Edwin Gomez (Director Estrada)
- xii July 7, 2017 Association of California Water Agencies Business Development Committee Conference Call (Director O'Dowd)
- xiii July 10, 2017 100-Year Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting (Director Powell)

**Additional meetings reported:**

- June 19, 2017 Webinar hosted by BB&K on CalPers liability (Director Nelson)
- July 3, 2017 Colorado River Board Rules and Operations Ad-hoc Committee Meeting (Director Nelson)
- July 3, 2017 Conference call (CVWD staff, legal staff and Ian James with Desert Sun) to discuss the Agua Caliente lawsuit (Director Powell)

C. Approval of per diem for meetings reported

On a motion by Director O'Dowd, seconded by Director Nelson, the board approved per diem for meetings reported.

**AYES:** Powell, Estrada, O'Dowd, Bianco, Nelson

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:**

**Motion Passed: 5-0**

D. Reports Oversight Boards of the Successor Agencies of the Redevelopment Agencies

No meetings reported.

**11. STAFF REPORTS**

- A. General Manager- Robert Cheng, Assistant General Manager reported on the Oroville Dam visit and Lower Basin Principals meeting.
- B. Counsel, Jeff Ferre, reported on AR 1654, (McClintock). Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act. The bill establishes the Bureau of Reclamation as the lead agency for purposes of coordinating all reviews, permits, licenses or other approvals or decisions required under federal law to construct new surface water storage projects for projects under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Reclamation Act. This legislation would establish a framework in which federal agencies with permitting responsibilities for the construction of facilities to work

together, coordinate their schedules, share data and technical materials, and make their findings publicly available.

C. Departments

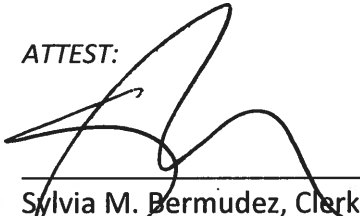
***Service Department***

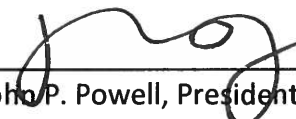
- Scott Burritt, Customer Services Manager, reported the new payment portal "Paymentus" is scheduled to go live on July 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Luis Maciel, Information Systems Director, also commented on the launch of the new payment portal.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, President Powell adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM.

ATTEST:

  
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Sylvia M. Bermudez, Clerk of the Board  
Coachella Valley Water District

  
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John P. Powell, President  
Coachella Valley Water District

